

GERMANS ACHIEVE FOOTING IN VAUX

Crown Prince Delivers Effective Blow to Northeast of Verdun.

PARIS CLAIMS REPULSE OF ONE HEAVY ATTACK

British Admit Loss of Three Aeroplanes and Report Checks for Teutons.

LONDON, April 1.—The German crown prince again has shifted the point of his attack upon Verdun, delivering an effective blow to the northeast of the stronghold, gaining a footing in the village of Vaux, and drawing the net still closer about the fortress.

German artillery continued to deluge the French positions with shells in the region of Malancourt.

German forces delivered two heavy attacks last night east of the Meuse. The French war office admits that one attack gained the Germans a footing in the village of Vaux. The other attack was repulsed, says Paris.

Teutons Driven Back.

The Germans, in a fierce attack on French positions east of hill 95 in the Le Mort Homme region, some three miles east of Malancourt, early yesterday gained a footing in some of the French first line trenches, but were immediately driven out in a vigorous counter attack, according to the French official communication issued last evening. The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt, which they hold.

French Communication.

The text of today's communication follows: "North of the River Aisne there has been considerable activity on the part of the opposing artillery forces in the vicinity of Moulin-Sous-Touvent and Fontenoy.

"In the Argonne district we have directed a destructive fire on the high-ways and railroad lines of the enemy to the north of the Meuse. "West of the Meuse there has been an intermittent bombardment in the region of Malancourt, but without any infantry engagements.

Bombardment Violent.

East of the Meuse the bombardment became exceedingly violent yesterday evening and last night along the section between the wood south of Haudeumont and the region of Vaux. Against this latter point the Germans delivered two sudden attacks, in which large numbers of men took part. The first, from both the north and the south at the same time, was checked by our curtain of fire and the fire of our infantry before it could have been successful. "During the course of the second attack, the enemy, after a very spirited fight, was able to secure a footing in the western part of the village of Vaux, occupied by our forces.

In the Voivre district there has been some active artillery firing against the villages at the base of the heights of the Meuse.

From the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

British Statement.

The British official communication, issued this morning, says:

"Yesterday there was much aerial activity on both sides. A great deal of successful work was carried out by our Zeppelins. Three of our machines are missing. "Thursday night the enemy exploded a mine near Neuville, Vaux and endeavored to attack with infantry, but was easily repulsed by our bombers. "We exploded a strong mine near the Holzengarten redoubt, wrecking hostile positions in two old craters.

"Friday there was continued artillery activity north and south of Angres, south of Hully, north of the Ploegme wood and about the Ploegme, south of St. Elloi. An enemy attack Friday morning broke down under our fire."

ROOT AND ROOSEVELT MEET.

Attend Conference on Preparedness at Home of Robert Bacon.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Elihu Root met at lunch yesterday at the home in this city of Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France. The other guests were Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. "Col. Roosevelt said after the luncheon that the conference had to do only with national preparedness. It was the first time he and Mr. Root had met since the republican national convention of 1912, which renominated William H. Taft for President.

Your Favorite Motion Picture Actress

Will be one of eight beautiful photographs of "Movie Stars" that will be reproduced in the New Planogravure Section of tomorrow's Sunday Star.

- Mary Pickford.
- Clara Kimball Young.
- Blanche Sweet.
- Dorothy Gish.
- Kathlyn Williams.
- Marguerite Clark.
- Gail Kane.
- Marguerite Courtot.

Every one of them is suitable for framing.

ZEPPELIN RAIDER SEIZED BY BRITISH

Airship Comes Down Off Thames Estuary and Surrenders to Patrol Boat.

NINETY BOMBS DROPPED IN NIGHT EXPEDITION

Five Aerial Craft Are Believed to Have Participated—Results Not Fully Known.

LONDON, April 1.—One of five Zeppelins which visited the eastern counties of England during the night, dropping some ninety bombs, was damaged presumably by British anti-aircraft guns, and came down off the Thames estuary. The crew was saved, but the airship broke up and sank while being towed in.

Twenty-eight persons were killed and forty-four injured in last night's air raid, according to official figures given out today.

The raid of last night was the twenty-second of the war. The lost Zeppelin was the third of her class to come to grief in these raids. The official statement says:

"During the night a damaged Zeppelin was observed to come down off the Thames estuary. On being approached by one of our patrol boats she surrendered. The crew was taken off her and she was taken in tow, but she subsequently broke up and sank."

Ninety Bombs Dropped.

Five Zeppelin airships participated in the raid. Thus far it has been ascertained that about ninety bombs were dropped by the invaders. An official statement regarding the raid says:

"An air raid took place last night over the eastern counties in which five Zeppelins, according to the latest taken part. All the raiders crossed the coast at different places and times, and steered different courses. "At present about ninety bombs are reported to have been dropped in various localities in the eastern counties, but the results are not known.

Advance Signs of Raid.

Although no formal warning was issued to the population, the usual signs of an approaching air raid were manifested in London by the calling out of special constables, by the darkening of the streets and by the stopping of train service above ground. Even the omnibuses and street cars in many sections either discontinued service or ran in a limited way. Thousands of persons were unable to reach their homes, and for the greater part of the night the hospitals were crowded with wayfarers seeking shelter.

Weather Fine and Clear.

An exceptional feature of the raid was the fact that the weather was fine and clear, there was no moon, but the stars were bright. Toward midnight a slight haze came up, but it was not sufficient to obscure the landscape from the view of aviators or anti-aircraft gunners. It was such a night as the experts thought would be most favorable for the raid. The airships were in the air for a long time, and it was reported that they hoped to escape damage. The handling of the precautionary measures in London worked more smoothly than ever before, showing that the machinery for the protection of the metropolis was in efficient shape. Small crowds in the streets watched the skies in a quiet, expectant manner.

Guns Fire on Raider.

An eyewitness of a Zeppelin in flight and its encounter with anti-aircraft guns describes the scene as a most thrilling one. The Zeppelin, which appeared to be of a larger type than that of previous visitors, flew at a considerable height. The glitter of its surface as it passed overhead attracted the attention of hundreds of persons, who came out of doors to gaze upward despite the instructions given to remain under cover.

The searchlights that played on the raider illuminated it effectively and shells from the guns that opened fire from a correspondent on the east coast said that a Zeppelin was seen soon after 9 o'clock sailing in a northeasterly direction.

REPORT GERMANS CHECKED IN EASTERN ATTACKS

LONDON, April 1.—German attempts to assume the offensive at many points have been quickly checked on the eastern battle front, according to the latest Russian official statement.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Met at noon.

Continued discussion of the army reorganization bill.

Judiciary subcommittee voted, 2 to 2, to recommend to full committee confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis nomination.

DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

Met at 11 a.m.

Debate on the rivers and harbors bill continued.

COMMISSIONER KUTZ APPEARED BEFORE PAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

On the subject of labor committee of War Department evasions of law prohibiting the Taylor system, and Representative Tamm asks that investigation be made of funds to fight the Tamm bill.

CAPTURE OF VILLA BELIEVED AT HAND

Officials Here Confident Bandit Cannot Long Escape Col. Dodd's Troopers.

SCOUTS ALARMIST TALES TODAY FROM THE BORDER

Secretary Baker Is Not Worried by Movement of Carranza Forces.

Satisfaction bordering on jubilation describes the mood of army and administration officials today, following the receipt yesterday of news of the defeat of Villa forces by Col. Dodd and the advance guard of United States cavalrymen. Officials today awaited report of the actual capture of Villa, and word to that effect was expected momentarily.

May Now Be Prisoner.

It is possible that before this time Col. Dodd and his cavalrymen have trapped the bandit. It was pointed out that the news of the actual fight with Villa bandits did not reach Washington until two days after the fight.

The War Department had no further advice today on "Dodd's dash" at Guerrero. It was said that it frequently happens that the department receives nothing from the border for three or four days.

Secretary Baker expressed anxiety to learn the names and condition of the four privates reported slightly wounded in the clash at Guerrero.

Railroad Situation Unchanged.

Officials still are unadvised of progress toward commercial use of the Mexican Northwestern railway by Gen. Funston. The general has not reported since advising the department that Gen. Gaviira, Carranza commander of the forces in the region of the railroad, was awaiting instructions from Gen. Carranza regarding the commercial shipping arrangement proposed. The latest instructions, to Gen. Funston were to tender supply shipments to the railroad authorities. Navy Department dispatches today reported conditions quiet at Vera Cruz, Tampico, Puerto Mexico, and on the Mexican west coast.

Sent to Fight Bandits.

A detachment of Mexican infantry has been sent from Piedras Negras to Monclova to operate against a small number of bandits recently reported to have been active in that district, according to advice received at the State Department today from Eagle Pass. The bandits are said to have been seen in the foothills near Monclova.

Success Causes Satisfaction.

Word of the smashing blow delivered at the Villa raiders by United States troops at Guerrero was received everywhere with satisfaction. Congress stopped business and cheered. President Wilson sent congratulations to Secretary Baker. The State Department dispatched congratulatory messages to Maj. Gen. Funston to be conveyed to Brig. Gen. Pershing and Col. Dodd. Officials believe that the capture of Villa, would go far toward restoring peace in Mexico, because it would discourage outlaws generally and stop desertions from Carranza's army.

Statement by Secretary Baker.

Secretary Baker issued the following statement on the subject: "The success of Col. Dodd in catching up with the retreating bandits and dispersing them shows the value and effectiveness of the careful preparation made by Gen. Pershing and the rapidity and vigor with which Col. Dodd himself and the members of his command have undertaken the task.

"It is a matter of great satisfaction to us all that the first encounter is so decisive and that the outlaws have suffered so severely. The effect on the border will undoubtedly be good. It will allay apprehension on the American side by showing the rapidity and effectiveness with which our army acts, and among the Mexican people it will show the soundness of our purpose and discourage other bandits from sympathetic desertion.

Hope for Speedy Results.

"This comes as a very adequate answer to those who feared that it would be a long and painful pursuit before we overtook these marauders, and gives strong ground to hope that the entire object of the expedition can be speedily accomplished. "The War Department was not officially regarding the troops in Col. Dodd's command, although the 7th, 10th and 12th Cavalry were understood to be in the column picked for the raid. The 7th Cavalry is famous as the regiment which was captured out of the hands of the Mexicans and sent to pieces in the Wounded Knee affair in 1890, the last of the big Indian fights.

PROBLEMS IN MEXICO.

Officials of the War Department today said it had not been settled what disposition shall be made of the machine guns, etc., captured by Dodd's flying brigade from the Villa forces in the Guerrero engagement, but it is intimated in some quarters that probably they will be turned over to the representatives of the de facto government, as Mexican property.

A more important problem which may have to be solved before very long is the question of the fate of the members of his marauding band in case of capture. If turned over to the Carranzistas they will doubtless be summarily executed. (Continued on Second Page.)



DONATIONS FOR AID OF FIRE SUFFERERS

Local Masonic Lodge Among Contributors to Stricken City of Augusta, Ga.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED:	
Mrs. Matthew T. Scott	\$50
Claude N. Bennett	\$50
Total \$100	
Contributions Already Forwarded:	
Temple-Noyes Lodge, No. 32, F. A. M.	\$200
	\$200
Total \$400	

The Star will receive, acknowledge and forward all subscriptions to the fund for the relief of the Augusta fire sufferers.

Various activities today were enlisted for the succor of the sufferers from the great fire in Augusta, Ga., last week, through which so many residents of that city were left homeless and hungry. Another appeal was issued in Washington today in behalf of the stricken population of the southern city, this latest prompting of the public sympathy coming from the Southern Commercial Congress, in a statement by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director, in which he quotes a telegram from the mayor of Augusta saying that help is much needed. The statement is published below.

Following a contribution of \$50 yesterday afternoon from Claude N. Bennett, The Star today received another donation in aid of the sufferers, amounting to \$50, from Mrs. Matthew T. Scott.

Temple-Noyes Lodge Sends \$200.

Temple-Noyes Lodge, No. 32, F. A. M., has contributed \$200 for the relief of the sufferers from the fire in Augusta, Ga. today. The lodge visited Augusta just two years ago to participate in the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the bridge built in memory of Maj. Archibald W. Butt, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster. Maj. Butt had been a highly regarded member of the lodge. The Washington party was hospitably entertained while in the south and especially by the two Masonic lodges of the city. The latter lost their temple and all their belongings by the fire. The contribution from Temple-Noyes Lodge was sent in the form of drafts for \$100 to each of the two lodges, to be disbursed as they deem best for the relief of the sufferers.

Statement by Commercial Congress.

The statement given out by the Southern Commercial Congress is as follows: "Augusta, Ga., has been sorely stricken by the conflagration that swept away the most important business sections of the city and an entire residential section, making homeless several thousand people.

"The distress has produced a problem that makes it necessary for Georgians, southerners and others who may be interested to come to the rescue of those who have been so afflicted. "The executive officers of the Southern Commercial Congress join me in an expression of sympathy for the sufferers and the loss of property occasioned by the recent conflagration. We know that Augusta will rise from the ashes for a greater destiny, but it is our duty to help her in her hour of need. (Continued on Second Page.)

RUSSIANS BEAT TURKS IN FOUR-HOUR BATTLE

PETROGRAD, April 1.—In the direction of Bagdad, in the region of the fortress of Karamalchek, after a four-hour fight, Russian forces defeated an enemy detachment, which suffered great losses and finally was put to flight southward.

Tomorrow

"TWO THOUSAND MILES OF TROUBLE—THE MEXICAN BORDER"—BY CHARLES M. PEPPER.

"WHY I AM AFRAID TO GO BACK."

BY WILLIAM ADERSON, M. D., who tells of his experiences on European battle fronts.

"REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-ONE AMERICAN REPUBLICS MEET TOMORROW IN BUENOS AIRES TO PLAN BIG COMMERCIAL UNION."

"A GRABBER OF GOATS," a highly entertaining story, by JOSEPH ERNEST.

"ARRIVAL OF FRENCH WOUNDED FROM GERMAN BOMBING."

BY EDWARD MOTT WOOLLEY.

"HOW THEY WENT INTO BUSINESS."

A story of big successes from little beginnings, by EDWARD MOTT WOOLLEY.

"WASHINGTON WOMAN RECONSTRUCTS FOSSILS A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS OLD FOR THE GOVERNMENT."

"PREPAREDNESS" TO MAKE CITIZENS INTO EXPERT RIFLEMEN AT WINTHROP, MD.

"ARE GENIUSES GOOD BUSINESS MEN?"

A two-page spread of interesting photographs.

"FRENCH IDEAS EFFECT INTERESTING CHANGES IN TENHOUSE."

BY ANNE RIT-TERHOUSE.

"LETTING PEABODY IN."

A Shorty McCabe story, by SEWELL FORD.

"SHALL ALASKA BE DIVIDED?"

"THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTION CLAIMS RIGHT TO GOVERN ITSELF," by FRANK G. CARPENTER.

"THE MAN IN THE STONE HOUSE," another installment of the entertaining serial, by FREEMAN TILDEN.

"A WOMAN IS THE ONLY PERSON TRUSTED BY THE AGED EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA," writes STERLING HEILIG.

"GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF," by ALBERT W. ATWOOD.

"BRITISH MILITARY TRIBUNALS RECEIVE ALL SORTS OF CERTAIN FROM MEN WHO DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT."

"THE RAMBLER" visits Forestville, Md.

"INSTEAD OF SUSPECTING EVERY ONE, GERMANY MAKES CERTAIN HER SECRETS ARE CLOSELY GUARDED AGAINST SPIES."

"BUILDING A BATTLESHIP IS A TASK OF REAL MAGNITUDE."

"EVERY PESSIMIST NEEDS AN OPTIMIST," and "ONE LEG IS ENOUGH," by HERBERT KAUFMAN.

Appam's Cargo Ordered Sold.

RICHMOND, Va., April 1.—Federal Judge Waddill has signed an order directing a marshal to sell the perishable part of the cargo of the British steamship Appam, in possession of a German prize crew at Newport News, the sale to be conducted by Marshal Saunders April 12. Argument on the issue and the question of the ship's ownership will be heard before Judge Waddill at Norfolk April 13.

COL. DODD'S TROOPS AGAIN ARE IN PURSUIT OF THE BANDIT VILLA

Cavalrymen Take Trail After a Brief Rest Following Wednesday's Fight at Guerrero.

BORDER THINKS DEATH OR CAPTURE MATTER NOW OF ONLY A FEW DAYS

Outlaw, Reported to Be Seriously Wounded, Believed to Be Hiding Somewhere in Continental Range, East of Chihuahua.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 1.—With only a brief rest, Col. Dodd's cavalry, to whom fell the honor Wednesday of dispersing 500 of Villa's men at Guerrero, has resumed the chase of the scattered bandits, while supporting forces of American troops covered the railroad toward Chihuahua and smaller detachments began beating the country adjacent for signs of the bandit leader.

Overnight dispatches to Gen. Funston from Mexico told the manner in which Gen. Pershing's punitive forces had deployed, but none brought additional details of the fighting at Guerrero.

ALL DATED THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

All bore filing dates of Thursday or early Friday, permitting officers here to retain the hope that perhaps another successful encounter had been registered, or perhaps even the capture of Villa himself had been effected.

High expectancy prevailed at army headquarters, and every confidence was displayed in the ability of the officers and men at the front to drive Villa into the open if he has not already succeeded in making his way into the almost inaccessible mountains south and west of Guerrero.

Guessing as to Whereabouts.

Just where Villa went when the Americans charged his force at Guerrero is not known here. Reports that he was carried away on a litter, that he rode off in a carriage, or that he was hiding in a cave of a mountain overlooking the battle between his men and those of Col. Dodd were characterized at headquarters as guesses.

No Trains Are Moving.

In the height of the excitement caused by the news of the battle at San Geronimo, interest has temporarily faded here in the question of the use of the Mexican railroads for transporting supplies to Gen. Pershing's columns. Apparently, the solution of this problem is still far from found.

A good deal of curiosity has been aroused over the failure of any train to arrive at Juarez over the Northwest-ern railroad for a week. No train has left the Mexican town in the same time. A train from Casas Grandes due here yesterday morning has not yet put in an appearance. The Mexican officials offer no reason for its non-arrival, but insist there has been no mishap. It is supported by the fact that the Mexican railroad telegraph is working without interruption.

Food Awaits Transportation.

There are at least seven carloads of food and forage at present in Juarez, consigned from here to private concerns in Casas Grandes. Their departure is not being delayed by lack of equipment, as three Mexican Northwestern engines, which were in the El Paso and Southern railroads, have been repaired and taken across the river.

While Gen. Bell refuses to discuss the situation, it is said here that the question of transporting supplies by rail will be held in abeyance for a few days in the hope that the present efforts of Col. Dodd's troops to capture Villa will be successful.

A false alarm that Mexican raiders had crossed the Rio Grande and had attacked an American ranchhouse ten miles from the border, prevented him from making any long flight over the rugged mountains.

El Paso Hears of Capture.

That Villa already had been captured and was being brought back to the army base at Casas Grandes was a report heard here today, but it was not credited in official quarters.

Mexican Consul Andres Garcia had no word of any further engagements between the American troops and Villa.

While the hunt for Villa continues, Gen. Pershing will continue his operations against the fleeing bands of Villa men to prevent their concentration and to destroy them.

Gen. Pershing, Jr., commanding the army base here, meanwhile is moving forward supplies to the front by way of Columbus so that the American army may be prepared for a possible protracted campaign.

Border Excitement Continues.

The feverish excitement caused along the border by yesterday's news of Col. Dodd's victory at San Geronimo ranch had far from subsided today. The fact that three days have elapsed since the smashing blow delivered at the Villa band in the valley of the Santa Maria without any further news from Gen. Pershing has given birth to the most extravagant speculation and rumors.

The chief argument of the pessimists is that if Villa was as desperately injured as reported he should by now be in the hands of his pursuers. But the optimists retort by pointing out the wild character of the country in which he is hiding and the fact that most of the natives of the mountains are sure to do all they can to baffle the Amer-

Rodgers Goes to Capital.

QUERETARO, Mexico, April 1.—James Linn Rodgers, special representative of President Wilson, has left for Mexico City, accompanied by John W. Bell, special agent in charge of the State Department in Washington. The purpose of the visit of Mr. Rodgers to Queretaro was not made public.

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